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## INFORMATIONAL LETTER NO.1415

**DATE:** September 11, 2014

**TO:** All Iowa Medicaid Hospitals, Physicians, Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioners, Clinics, Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs), Rural Health Clinics (RHCs) and Indian Health Service (IHS) Providers

**FROM:** Iowa Department of Human Services, Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME)

**RE:** Claim Submission for the Health Risk Assessment (HRA)

**EFFECTIVE:** Upon Receipt

The Healthy Behaviors program for both the Iowa Wellness Plan and Marketplace Choice Plan was announced in [Informational Letter No. 1387](#)<sup>1</sup> issued on May 16, 2014. The IME would like to clarify claim submission after incorporating the HRA results into the member's care plan.

In a situation where the only claim line being submitted is 99420 with the UB modifier, the claim should be submitted with a diagnosis code determined by the primary care physician based on the results of the HRA and used to develop a care plan. Diagnosis code V70.9 may be submitted when the HRA results are being reviewed by an auxiliary staff member, such as a nurse or health coach, who is reaching out to the member to discuss the results and schedule follow-up appointments when the HRA indicates a timely intervention would benefit the member.

### **Encounter Based Claims**

FQHCs, RHCs and IHS providers should submit the Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) code 99420 UB **without** the T1015 encounter code. Reimbursement for this code and modifier combination is \$25.00. The cost for CPT code 99420 UB **cannot** be included in cost reports for FQHCs and RHCs.

### **Reminder**

Qualifying claims must meet the following criteria:

- Member must be receiving benefits from the Iowa Wellness Plan at the time of service.
  - This includes Iowa Wellness Plan members, medically exempt members and members presumptively eligible for the Iowa Wellness Plan.

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<http://dhs.iowa.gov/sites/default/files/1387%20Healthy%20Behaviors%20under%20the%20Iowa%20Wellness%20Plan%20and%20Markerplace%20Choice.pdf>

- Eligibility can be confirmed by calling the Eligibility Verification System (ELVS) at 1-800-338-7752 or 515-323-9639 or through the [Web Portal](#)<sup>2</sup>.
- CPT Code 99420 with modifier UB must be submitted.
- Reimbursement rate for 99420/UB is \$25.00.
- In order to claim reimbursement, providers must use the HRA in the course of the member's care, ideally at the time of the wellness exam.

CPT Code 99420 with modifier UB is only payable once per member per eligibility year. If multiple providers utilize the results of the Assess My Health HRA into a care plan, only the first "clean" claim for 99420/UB received by the IME is eligible for reimbursement.

Providers must register with the IME as an AssessMyHealth provider to receive a user code to access HRA results. Registration instructions are included in the [Iowa Health and Wellness Plan Healthy Behaviors Program Toolkit for Providers](#)<sup>3</sup>.

Providers serving members enrolled in either Coventry Health Care of Iowa or CoOpportunity Health will not be reimbursed by Medicaid for completion of the HRA. Providers must work with Coventry Health Care of Iowa or CoOpportunity Health for reimbursement on services rendered to members enrolled in these health plans and for instructions for assisting those members in completing their healthy behaviors.

If you have any questions please contact the IME Provider Services Unit at 1-800-338-7909, or locally in Des Moines at 515-256-4609 or email at [imeproviderservices@dhs.state.ia.us](mailto:imeproviderservices@dhs.state.ia.us).

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<sup>2</sup> <https://ime-ediss5010.noridian.com/iowaxchange5010/LogonDisplay.do>

<sup>3</sup> [http://dhs.iowa.gov/sites/default/files/Provider%20Healthy%20Behaviors%20Toolkit\\_05092014.pdf](http://dhs.iowa.gov/sites/default/files/Provider%20Healthy%20Behaviors%20Toolkit_05092014.pdf)